



# Troy Police Department

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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

My name is Anthony Everage and I am the Police Chief of Troy, Alabama. I am writing you today to ask that you improve funding for wireless services in rural areas such as Troy by protecting the Universal Service Fund.

Wireless communications is a matter of public safety. In a matter of emergency situations, citizens involved are often unable to seek our help through the 911 system due to poor cell phone coverage. Time is critical in the outcome of an emergency situation, and unfortunately precious time is often lost when our help cannot be summoned by cell phone. Quite simply put, we cannot provide adequate rapid response to citizens in crisis if they cannot call us.

I understand that the USF provides funding to wireless communication companies to promote increased wireless access in rural areas. Please help us improve our ability to rapidly respond to our citizen's call for help by working to protect the USF for investment in wireless services. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Anthony Everage  
Police Chief

Cc: Senator Richard Shelby

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